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1. ECON COUNSELOR FOLLOWED UP DEC 3 WITH MS. MCDUGALL
ON EARLIER REPRESENTATIONS (REF B) REGARDING VOTE ON CERDS.

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HAVING INFORMED HERSELF ON ISSUE SINCE LAST CONVERSATION,

SHE REPORTED THAT ISSUE HAS NOT YET MOVED THROUGH COMMITTEE II AND GOC REPS IN NEW YORK ARE HOPEFUL THAT CERDS WILL NOT BE BROUGHT TO FINAL VOTE IN THIS SESSION. THEY ARE ALSO HOPEFUL, BUT LESS SO, THAT AGREEMENT WILL BE REACHED TO EXTEND LIFE OF CERDS WORKING GROUP.

2. IF CERDS IS BROUGHT TO VOTE, MS. MCDUGALL SAID, GOC WILL BE FACED WITH "AGONIZING DECISION." THIS DECISION HAS NOT YET BEEN MADE, PARTLY BECAUSE IT NOT YET CLEAR PRECISELY WHAT TEXT WILL LOOK LIKE WHEN IT COMES TO VOTE; AND DECISION WILL PROBABLY NOT BE MADE UNTIL VOTE IS IMMINENT. IF GOC SHOULD BE FACED WITH G-77 TEXT "OF WORST KIND," DECISION-MAKING WOULD BE EASIER AND GOC WOULD VOTE "NO" ON CHARTER AS A WHOLE; OTHERWISE THERE WILL BE DIFFICULT QUESTION OF RESERVING ON PARTICULARLY OBJECTIONABLE PARAGRAPHS AND ABSTAINING OR EVEN VOTING FOR CHARTER AS A WHOLE. MS. MCDUGALL NOTED THAT GOC'S POSITION ON SOME OF SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES IS NOT AS CLEAR-CUT AS THAT OF U.S. AND SOME OTHER INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES. "OUR SCHIZOPHRENIA SHOWS UP IN SUCH AREAS AS THE APPROACH TO NATIONALIZATION AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR MNE'S", SHE SAID.

3. COMMENT: IT IS EMBASSY'S IMPRESSION THAT THERE IS SUBSTANTIAL TENSION WITHIN GOC BETWEEN THOSE WHO RECOGNIZE AND WANT TO PROTECT LEGAL POSITION AND THOSE WHO WISH TO AVOID POSTURE OF UNRESPONSIVENESS TO DEEP-FELT LDC DESIRES. SINCE FINAL DECISION ON GOC VOTING POSITION IS STILL UP IN AIR, EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT USUN CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH CANADIAN MISSION IN NEW YORK WITH VIEW TO INFLUENCING MISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH LIKELY TO BE IMPORTANT FACTOR IN OTTAWA'S DECISION. JOHNSON

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